

### R E M A R K S

The specification has been amended at page 8 in order to properly refer to Figs. 5(a) and 5(b), so as to be consistent with the drawings.

The claims have been amended to make the following corrections:

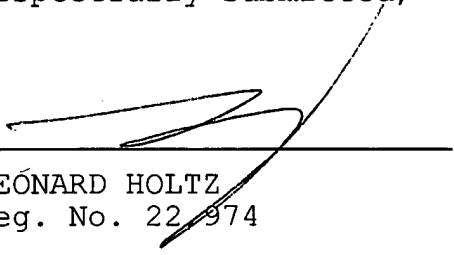
1. Grammatical corrections have been made to claims 4, 8, and 13;
2. Claim 9 has been amended so as to no longer be an improper multiple dependent claim (claim 9 now depends from any one of claims 5-7); and
3. Claim 14 corresponding to claim 9 dependent from claim 8, has been added.

The amendments to the claims do not go to the merits and do not alter the scope of the claims. The claim amendments are not of the type that would be considered limiting under Festo.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification and claims be approved and entered.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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